



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Kurayasu HAMASAKI et al. : Docket No. 2001_0596A
Serial No. 09/853,681 : **Attn: BOX MISSING PARTS**
Filed May 14, 2001 :

BOARD TRANSFER APPARATUS, BOARD
TRANSFER METHOD, AND COMPONENT
MOUNTING APPARATUS

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claim 1 as follows:

1.(Amended) A board transferring apparatus for transferring boards between the apparatus and a component-mounted board production apparatus, which comprises;
an unprocessed board transfer unit including an unprocessed board transfer path along which an unprocessed board as the board not processed by the component-mounted board production apparatus is transferred, and an unprocessed board carry-in device which moves between the unprocessed board transfer path and the component-